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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and such other officers as may be required. Following the established practice, the Commission shall elect a Chair and four Vice-Chairs and also designate one of the Vice-Chairs as Rapporteur. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission for Social Development would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau. In its resolution 2016/6, the Council reaffirmed that the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission would continue to be elected for a term of office of two years, in parallel with the 2017-2018 review and policy cycle. Accordingly, the Commission held the first meeting of its fifty-fifth session on 12 February 2016, immediately following the closure of the fifty-fourth session, and elected by acclamation Elisabeta David (Romania) and Ana Sandoval (Paraguay) as Vice-Chairs of the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions and Brian Bowler (Malawi) as Vice-Chair of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission. At the same meeting, the Commission postponed the election of the Chair from the Western European and other States and the Vice-Chair from the Asia-Pacific States.

Subsequently, the Western European and other States nominated Philipp Charwath (Austria) as Chair, the African States nominated Lot Dzonzi (Malawi) to replace Brian Bowler in representing the regional group on the Bureau as Vice-Chair, and the Asia-Pacific States nominated Alanoud al-Temimi (Qatar) as Vice-Chair from that regional group.

On 1 February 2017, the Commission will elect the Chair and Vice-Chairs from the African and Asia-Pacific States and will designate one of its Vice-Chairs as also having rapporteurial responsibilities.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2016/225.

The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its fifty-fifth session (see annex I) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative: if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

The Commission is scheduled to meet from Wednesday, 1 February, to Friday, 10 February 2017. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session: morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.5/2017/1)

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/46 on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and the further initiatives adopted in Geneva.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2017/2)

(a) Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

In its resolution 2016/6, the Economic and Social Council decided that the priority theme for the 2017-2018 review and policy cycle would be "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all". The Commission will review the theme in 2017, at its fifty-fifth session, and will complete the biennial cycle by adopting action-oriented policy recommendations on strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all at its fifty-sixth session, in 2018. The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all (E/CN.5/2017/3)

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(v) Family issues, policies and programmes

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (E/CN.5/2017/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth (E/CN.5/2017/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: preliminary assessment (E/CN.5/2017/6)

(c) Emerging issues: promoting integrated policies for poverty eradication: youth development in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In its resolution 2006/18, the Economic and Social Council decided to include the agenda item entitled "Emerging issues" in the programme of work of the Commission. The members of the Bureau, in consultation with their respective regional groups, agreed that the theme for discussion under this agenda item during the fifty-fifth session would be "Promoting integrated policies for poverty eradication: youth development in the 2030 Agenda". A note by the Secretariat will be available to facilitate the discussion.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat entitled "Emerging issues: promoting integrated policies for poverty eradication: youth development in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (E/CN.5/2017/7)

4. Programme questions and other matters

(a) Proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2018-2019

The Commission will have before it the proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2018-2019 in the field of social development.

Documentation

Conference room paper on the proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2018-2019: subprogramme 2, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs (E/CN.5/2017/CRP.1)

(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members, who are nominated by the Commission and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

The Commission, at its fifty-fifth session, will be called upon to nominate a number of new members and to renominate some existing members of the Board. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominated in 2017.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2017/9)

Report of the Board of the Institute

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The Commission will have before it the report of the Board covering the biennium 2018-2019.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2017/8)

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-sixth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission (E/CN.5/2017/L.1)[1]

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its fifty-fifth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session (E/CN.5/2017/L.2)[1]

[1] To be issued as an in-session document.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work (1-10 February 2017)

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Week of 1-3 February 2017		
Wednesday, 1 February		
a.m.	1. Election of officers	
	2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.5/2017/1)
	3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Introduction of documentation under agenda item 3, including its sub-items (a) and (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2017/2)
	(a) Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all	Report of the Secretary-General on strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all (E/CN.5/2017/3)
	(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups	
	(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (E/CN.5/2017/4)
	(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	
	(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth	Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth (E/CN.5/2017/5)
	(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	Report of the Secretary-General on the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: preliminary assessment (E/CN.5/2017/6)

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
	(v) Family issues, policies and programmes	
	(c) Emerging issues: promoting integrated policies for poverty eradication: youth development in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	Note by the Secretariat entitled "Emerging issues: promoting integrated policies for poverty eradication: youth development in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (E/CN.5/2017/7)
		Presentation of the outcome of the civil society forum held on 3-31 January 2017
		Presentation by a youth representative
	3 (a) (*continued*)	General discussion begins
p.m.	3 (a) (*continued*)	High-level panel discussion on item 3 (a)
Thursday, 2 February		
a.m.	3 (c) (*continued*)	High-level panel discussion on item 3 (c)
p.m.	3 (a) (*continued*)	General discussion
Friday, 3 February		
a.m.	3 (b) (*continued*)	High-level panel discussion on the topic "Leaving no one behind: poverty and disability"
p.m.	3 (b) (*continued*)	General discussion
Week of 6-10 February 2017		
Monday, 6 February		
a.m.	3 (a) (*continued*)	General discussion
	3 (b) (*continued*)	General discussion
p.m.	4. Programme questions and other matters (a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019	Conference room paper on subprogramme 2, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 (E/CN.5/2017/CRP.1)

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation programme*
	(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development	**Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2017/9)**
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2017/8)
	3 (b) (*continued*)	**General discussion**
Tuesday, 7 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Informal consultations**
		(*no plenary meeting*)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Informal consultations**
		(*no plenary meeting*)
		5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals
Wednesday, 8 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Informal consultations**
		(*no plenary meeting*)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Informal consultations**
		(*no plenary meeting*)
Thursday, 9 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Informal consultations**
		(*no plenary meeting*)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Informal consultations**
		(*no plenary meeting*)
Friday, 10 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Introduction of draft proposals**
		Action on draft proposals
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Introduction of proposals**
		Action on proposals

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
	5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission	Adoption of the provisional agenda for the next session
	6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fifth session	Adoption of the report
		Closure of the session[a]

[a] In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the fifty-fifth session, will hold the first meeting of its fifty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council. In accordance with Council resolution 2016/6, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission for the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions have been elected for a two-year term.

Annex II

Membership of the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-fifth session (2017)

(46 members; four-year term)

Membership of the fifty-fifth session	*Term expires at close of session in the year:*
Algeria	2019
Argentina	2017
Austria	2019
Bangladesh	2020
Benin	2019
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2019
Brazil	2017
Burundi	2019
Chile	2017
China	2017
Colombia	2019
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2017
El Salvador	2020
Finland	2017
France	2017
Ghana	2020
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2019
Iraq	2019
Israel	2019
Japan	2020
Kuwait	2017
Madagascar	2017
Malawi	2017
Mexico	2019

Membership of the fifty-fifth session	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Namibia	2019
Pakistan	2017
Paraguay	2020
Peru	2020
Poland	2017
Portugal	2019
Qatar	2019
Republic of Korea	2020
Republic of Moldova	2020
Romania	2017
Russian Federation	2020
Rwanda	2020
Switzerland	2017
Turkmenistan	2017
Uganda	2017
United States of America	2020